

NAYS—Messrs. Bigelow, Burks, Dancy, Davis, Gray, Merri-
man, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Taylor and T'ruit—11.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, a bill to prevent the location and
patenting of lands within the limits of the grant know as Peters'
colony was taken up.

Mr. Bogart offered a substitute for the bill.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate adjourned until 10
o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 17, 1852.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to
adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—
quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Taylor made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims have examined the
petition of John F. Ramsdale, with the accompanying testimony,
and find that Ramsdale has a proper transfer from John V. Stew-
art, for his headright certificate for 320 acres of land. This cer-
tificate was deposited by Ramsdale in the land office of Rusk
county, and there destroyed by fire. At the last session of the
Legislature an act was passed for the relief of those who had
certificates destroyed in the land office of Rusk county, the pas-
sage of which the petitioner alleges he did not know until it had
expired ; and as it appears that he can get relief no where save
by the Legislature, the committee have instructed me to report
a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

A bill for the relief of John F. Ramsdale ; read first time.

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills,
reported the following bills correctly engrossed, to wit :

A bill allowing pay to sheriffs who attend upon the supreme
court ;

A bill to define the time of holding the district courts in the
twelfth judicial district ;

A bill to define the boundaries of the counties of Jasper and
Newton ;

A bill for the relief of Sam Bogart ; and

A bill to allow sheriffs to charge mileage for serving and re-
turning process in civil cases.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills,
reported the following bills correctly enrolled, to wit :

A bill for the relief of Emanuel Clements, Nancy A. Roberts, Sophia Sanders and Nelson Morey ;

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Rutherford, dec'd ;

And a bill for the relief of the heirs of Ignatius S. Johnson, and that the same have been presented to the Governor, on this day, for his approval.

Mr. Merriman presented the memorial of E. W. Moore ; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Wilson, chairman of the committee on Education, to which was referred a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Texas Monumental committee, reported the same back, and recommended that the preamble be stricken out, and the bill passed.

Mr. Wilson, also, made the following report :

To the Hon. J. W. HENDERSON,

President of the Senate :

The committee on Education have had before them that portion of the Governor's message which relates to the organization of a common school system, together with the several resolutions of the Senate on the same subject, and after much and unavoidable delay and difficulty, have agreed upon the accompanying bill, and instructed me to recommend its passage.

The committee are sensible that they have not succeeded in organizing a system which is free from objection ; but with the imperfect information before them, they believe that the bill herewith reported is as nearly right as they can make it ; and should it but serve as a starting point in the establishment of a system that will meet the wants of the State, they will feel that their labor has not been in vain.

The committee are much indebted to John M. Jones, Esq., of Galveston, for a large and valuable collection of books on the subject of schools, gratuitously furnished to the committee by that gentleman, who merits the thanks of the State for the enlightened and disinterested zeal which he has manifested in collecting for the benefit of the Legislature, so much information upon a subject on which, more than any other, information is needed ; but owing to the fact that the population of Texas, and the condition of the country are unlike those of the countries from which these systems have been gathered, the committee have not been able to reap from those publications such benefits as they and the public spirited donor had hoped might be realized.

The committee would also acknowledge that they have been indebted for many valuable suggestions to a printed bill of the House of Representatives, prepared by the Hon. B. B. Cannon,

from which they have extracted liberally wherever their views corresponded with the provisions of that bill.

Very respectfully,

JAMES C. WILSON, Chairman.

In submitting this bill to the Senate, your chairman would take this opportunity to state that he has prepared it in accordance with the instruction of the committee, and not because, in his own judgment, it is likely to effect in any high degree, the laudable object sought to be obtained. Believing that no system can now be devised to go into immediate operation, with generally beneficial results, he would have preferred simply setting apart one million of bonds, the interest on which should be a perpetual school fund ; and the appointment of one or more competent gentlemen to collect the necessary school statistics throughout the State, and report the same to the next session of the Legislature.

In this opinion he was alone upon the committee, and yielding to the better judgment of the majority, he declined to offer a minority report.

JAMES C. WILSON.

A bill to establish a system of common schools ; read first time.

Mr. Parker, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to which was referred the petition of Howard & Ogden, reported that the committee had examined the same, and that there was no evidence accompanying said petition to justify a favorable report. The committee recommend that the petition be laid on the table.

Mr. Taylor introduced joint resolution proposing to amend the second section of the tenth article of the constitution ; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced the following bills :

A bill to define the third judicial district, and to fix the time of holding the courts in said district.

A bill to organize the thirteenth judicial district of the State of Texas ; and

A bill to define the ninth judicial district, which were severally read first time.

Mr. Gray introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Mrs. Nancy Anderson ; read first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following bills were severally read third time and passed, to wit :

A bill allowing pay to sheriffs who attend upon the supreme court;

A bill to define the time of holding the district courts in the twelfth judicial district;

A bill to define the boundaries of the counties of Jasper and Newton; and

A bill for the relief of Sam Bogart.

A bill to allow sheriffs to charge mileage for serving and returning process in civil cases; read third time, and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Doane, Grimes, Hill, Kinney, Merriman, Meusebach, Parker, Sterne and Williams—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Burks, Dancy, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Reaves, Scott, Taylor and Truit—10.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Bayliss, deceased; read, and passed to third reading.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Daniel W. Cloud and Peter J. Bailey; read and passed to third reading.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill appropriating five thousand dollars to pay the contingent expenses of both Houses of the Legislature.

A bill for the relief of Charles Chevallier assignee of Napoleon Devaltz; read.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the bill was amended by striking out "Charles Chevallier, assignee of," and by inserting after Devaltz, "his legal heirs or assigns."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to extend the provisions of an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, approved March 20, 1848, together with the report of the committee on Public Debt, offering amendments, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson, laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the Clarksville and Mount Pleasant Turnpike company, together with the report of the committee on Internal Improvements offering amendments thereto, was read, amendments adopted, and bill passed to third reading.

A bill to prevent the location and patenting of lands within the limits of the grant known as Peters' colony.

The substitute offered by Mr. Bogart, for the bill, was read and adopted.

Mr. Williams offered the following amendment:

"Provided, that the reservation herein contemplated shall not extend to any other territory than that surveyed by the contrac-

tors of said Peters' colony, or settled upon by any colonist of said colony, or located by any certificate issued by Thomas Wm. Ward, commissioner of Peters' colony."

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

A bill to prevent locations and the patenting of lands within the limits of the grant known as Peters' colony.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, a bill relating to lands in Peters' colony, was taken up and re-committed to the special committee that reported it.

Mr. Kinney moved that John S. Ford be sworn and take his seat as Senator elect of the 21st Senatorial district; lost.

A bill appropriating five thousand dollars to pay the contingent expenses of both Houses of the Legislature; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Duggan, the rule was suspended and bill read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to incorporate the town of Centreville in Leon county; read and passed to third reading.

A bill to incorporate the Vicksburg and El Paso Railroad company; read, and, on motion of Mr. Davis, laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the town of Mount Vernon in Titus county; read and passed to third reading.

Joint resolution proposing to amend the third section of the tenth article of the constitution, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering a substitute therefor, was read, substitute adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Joint resolution requesting the President of the United States to demand of the Government of Spain, the immediate release of Mr. Thrasher; read and laid on the table.

A bill to incorporate the Aransas and Goliad Road company; read, and, on motion of Mr. Davis, laid on the table.

Mr. Dancy made the following report:

The committee of Conference, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning writs of ceritorari from justices courts, with a substitute from the House, and amendments to said substitute adopted by the Senate, after conferring on the same, have instructed us to return the same to the Senate, and recommend that the Senate reconsider the vote rejecting the substitute,

and pass the substitute with the amendments adopted in the Senate, and that the House concur in said amendments.

JOHN W. DANCY, Chairman

On the part of the Senate.

O. C. HARTLEY, Chairman

On the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the motion to reconsider the vote which rejected a bill concerning writs of certiorari to justices courts, was taken up, and vote reconsidered, and bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of James Goacher, senior, deceased ; read and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Silas M. Grace ; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the White Oak Bridge company in Titus county ; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Norman, deceased ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Reaves, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of Julia A. Sweet ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Finance.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Coleman D. Smith, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, the report and petition were laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Internal Improvements, on the petition of sundry citizens, asking an appropriation for cleaning out the Sabine river, was read and adopted.

The report of the committee on Internal Improvements on the petition of Jesse Duren ; read and adopted.

A bill relinquishing to the counties, the State tax for the years 1852 and 1853 ; read.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment :

"Sec. That hereafter wherever there may be settlements of old liabilities existing, at the time of division between an old and new counties, it is hereby declared that the old county shall pay all the liabilities existing against such county at the time of the division, save that for juror's services which may be due to citizens residing in the new counties ; and the new counties are hereby required to pay said amounts thus due her citizens ;" rejected.

Mr. Bigelow offered the following amendment :

Amend by adding at the end of 3rd section, "Provided, that

no assessor and collector or county treasurer shall be allowed to receive in payment of said taxes, anything but gold and silver; and provided, that all assessors and collectors and county treasurers shall be compelled to account to the county courts of their respective counties, for all sums coming to the counties, in gold and silver, and in nothing else ;" adopted.

Mr. Gray offered the following amendment, to come in as section 8 :

"The county treasurers shall be entitled to receive two and a half per cent. for receiving, and the same rate for paying out the monies received under this act, and no more ;" adopted.

Mr. Dancy moved to postpone the bill until Monday next ; lost.

Mr. Dancy moved to postpone it until Wednesday next ; lost.

Mr. Dancy moved to indefinitely postpone it ; lost.

The bill was then passed to a third reading by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Burks, Doane, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Merriman, Meusebach, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit, Williams and Wilson—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Bogart, Dancy and Hill—3.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill to provide for the erection of a State Capitol ; read first time.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 19, 1852.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Truit presented the petition of Charles B. Slaughter ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims ;

Mr. Sterne presented the petition of W. W. Barrett ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported back to the Senate, a bill for the relief of the heirs of John Norman, deceased ; and a bill for the relief of Andrew Roach, and recommended their passage.

Mr. Taylor made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Goynes, have duly considered the same.